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Honorable Prescott Bush
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Bush:

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Reference is made to the letter received by your office from Mr. [redacted] concerning an item contained in Mr. Lee Mortimer's column in the New York Mirror on 7 August 1959. You have requested our comments and any information which you could send to [redacted]

After several appointments were made with Mr. Mortimer and cancelled by him for various reasons, a representative of this Agency did see him on the 27th of August. Naturally, we were interested in obtaining from him any factual basis for the charges contained in his column on 7 August or the names of any of the individuals he described. Mr. Mortimer said his source had produced none.

I am sure that you are aware of the thorough investigation conducted for all individuals utilized by the Agency in order to assure that Agency employees and consultants are security conscious and loyal to the Government. This is a continuing program including periodic review. Any information which would bear on this subject would certainly be thoroughly investigated.

The statement made by Mr. Mortimer concerning accountability of CIA funds is not entirely accurate. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee you are aware that this Agency reports in depth to the CIA Subcommittees of the Senate and House Committees on Armed Services

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and Appropriations. In addition, periodic briefings are given other congressional committees on their particular areas of interest. During the first session of the 86th Congress representatives of this Agency appeared before these committees on 26 separate occasions.

I hope the above will be of assistance in replying to

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Hon. Prescott Bush
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Senator Bush:

There is little doubt that we are closer to armed conflict, these days, than our several Agencies of censorship and intelligence feel it appropriate to admit. Since I recall a protracted period of "investigation" before I was certified to the Air Materiel Command (1951-1954) as competent to handle highly confidential and secret information, I wonder at the published paragraph which I attach.

Won't you tell me what you can develop on this abetted (?) infiltration? Surely, Mr. Lee Mortimer and other of his contemporaries with similar information don't publish libelous material! It would appear that you must have an interest in the statement "the CIA retains left wing columnists and writers as sub rosa consultants at \$50 a day."

While CIA accounts are obviously not "accountable" in the confidential sense, the Agency certainly must be accountable as to whose (personnel) accounts these reported sums are paid. There still remain in the classified (C3) service many of the strange characters picked up in the Roosevelt-Truman years; they seem to be entrenched and immovable as contrived and intended. Surely, why need we add voluntarily to an Agency of "confidence" more of the same?

The President counts upon men of your stature to provide "disinfecting" legislation to clear up a bad situation in "boss-ridden" labor organizations. If we need action there - then, we can afford to look over Central Intelligence in our own "yard".

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I Could Stop Now (But could you?): House Un-American Activities Committee was first to probe the TV quiz shows (with several V Amendments) and it will probably get back into the current quiz if the Magnuson-Harris joint committee "overlook" the influence of Reds on the quiz shows. How come the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) retains left wing consultants and writers as sub rosa consultants at \$50 a day? (See Names: Allen Dulles) CIA has a secret \$200,000,000 fund for which it is accountable to no one - including the President. Mr. Dulles or Mr. Acheson let the hands of Reds and let the CIA supposed to be fighting them. Worse even than the money, is that these pro-Soviet writer and publisher consultants prepare press releases daily to Communist officers and lie, who have no idea they've been told a bill of goods.



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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., August 11, 1959

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

I would appreciate your comments on
this letter and any information
which I can send to

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Prescott Bush

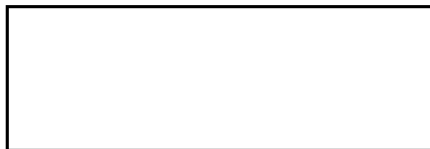
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Senator Bush. A previous draft was forwarded to the Deputy Director whose suggested changes have been included.



Legislative Counsel

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